148,46,934 total assessees on the registyers of the Income tax Department as on 31-3.98. However 1,51,07,026 persons have applied for allotment of PAN in the prescribed form and of this 28,16,866 applicants have already been allotted PANs upto 31st Oct. 1998.

(d) The Income tax Department has set up 36 computer centres all over the country for the purpose of allotting PAN. The Computers centre wise-status of the number of PAN applications received and allotment of PAN to the Income-tax payers as on 31st October, 1998 is given in the enclosed statement.

Statment

Centre	No. of PAN Applications received as on 31st Oct. 1998.	No. of PAN Allotted as on 31st Oct. 1998.
1. Delhi	913863	727431
2. Mumbai	1317788	941353
3. Chennai	606820	474875
4. Madurai	107958	13324
5. Coimbatore	98282	9358
6. Bangalore	535227	79066
7. Bhopal	545061	7318
8. Jabalpur	229718	593
9. Pune	648053	27581
10. Nasik	286918	20026
11. Kolhapur	286241	7430
12. Nagpur	339618	16979
13. Patna	267784	4656
14. Bhubneshwar	151570	6580
15. Ranchi	466772	6608
16. Shillong	326513	51
17. Kanpur	123989	12486
18. Agra	131811	9935
19. Meerut	236592	30013
20. Lucknow	248026	6355
21. Allahabad	80605	8959
22. Jaipur	602793	27247
23. Jodhpur	374223	28109
24. Hyderabad	375057	25241
25. Visakhapatnam	287396	5256
26 Cochin	283110	2999
27. Trivendrum	147936	1683
28. Rohtak	418326	54221
29. Amritsar	203914	46559
30. Jalandhar	377620	67883
31. Patiala	589184	75245
32. Calcutta	1699062	13838
33. Ahmedabad	609714	26232
34. Baroda	402571	6589
35. Rajkot	432901	11492
36. Surat	349000	13295
Total:	1,51,07,026	2816866

Encadrement of Officers carrying Economic Functions

192. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IES Cadre authority received some recommendations from the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for encadrement of some posts carrying economic functions for encadrement in IES;

(b) whether DOPT O.M. No. AR-14017/10/86-Estt. (RR) dated 11th March, 1986 order "to have the isolated posts included in one of the organised services", and IES authority encadred some officers of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation as per this order; and

(c) whether IES authority wants to comply this DOPT order the IES Board order dated 12th May, 1983 and CAT order dated 27th November, 1997 for the officers who have not been encadred so far, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Entry into IES is now done only at Junior Time Scale level either by direct recruitment or by promotion from feeder grade through UPSC.

IES Cadre reccives request for encadrement of posts at different levels from various Departments/Ministries

including Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation.

Only posts without incumbent are considered for encadrement into IES as per rules/instruction/advice given by DOPT.

केनरा बैंक

193. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 31 अगस्त, 1998 के राष्ट्रीय सहारा में "कनाट प्लेस में केनरा बैंक की शाखा का ताला खुला मिला" नामक शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इसके लिए कौन-कौन से अधिकारी जिम्मेदार पाए गए और उनके विरुद्ध कब तथा क्या कार्यवाही की गई?

वित्त मंत्रालय (बैंकिंग, राजस्व तथा बीमा) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कादम्बूर एम० आर० जनार्दनन): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) केनरा बैंक की दिल्ली स्थित ओवरसीज शाखा में चोरी की घटना 29 अगस्त, 1998 को सायं और 30 अगस्त, 1998 की सायं के बीच हुई। बताया गया है कि मुख्य दरवाजे का ताला काटकर व तोड़कर कुछ चोरों ने शाखा-परिसर में प्रवेश किया और सात कम्प्यूटरों में फेरबदल करने के बाद उनके हार्ड-डिस्क और मैमोरी-चिप्स को लेकर चम्पत हो गए। तथापि इन पी सी यूनिटों/डिस्कों में कोई आंकड़े नहीं थे क्योंकि ये पी०सी० केवल टर्मिनल के रूप में प्रयोग में लाए जा रहे थे। कुछ फलापियां और मेजों के कुछ दराजों के तालों को भी नुकसान पहुंचाया गया था। कम्प्यूटर अवयवों की चोरी की अनुमानित हानि लगभग एक लाख रुपए है। बैंक की शिकायत पुलिस के पास 30 अगस्त, 1998 को करवाई गई। पुलिस ने आई पी सी की धारा 457/380 के अन्तर्गत मामला दर्ज किया है किन्तु अभी तक कोई गिरफ्तारी नहीं की गई है।

Special Fiscal benefits for the North East

194. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the types of special fiscal benefits enlisted in the special industrial policy declared by Government for the North East;

(b) whether a formal notification awarding these benefits from the department of finance have already been made;

(c) if not, the time by which these are proposed to be regularised; and

(d) the special arrangement proposed to be made by Government to promote production through self employment programmes through North Eastern Development Finance Corporation as its nodal agency?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) A new industrial policy for the North East was announced in December, 1997. The salient features of the Policy are:

1. Entire expenditure on Growth Centres, upto Rs. 15 crores would be met through central assistance.
2. Funding pattern for Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Centres chagned to 4:1 between Govt. of India and SIDBI.
3. Trsnsport subsidy scheme extended upto 31.3.2007 and amount to be disbursed through NEDFC.
4. Growth Centres & IIDCs become tax free zones for income-tax and excise for 10 years and 15% subsidy on plant & machinery subject to a ceiling of Rs. 30 lakhs.
5. An inerest subsidy of 3% on working capital loans would be provided for a period of ten years after the commencement of production.
6. Comprehensive Insurance scheme for new industrial units.

(b) and (c) The Finance Act, 1997 provided tax holiday for initial 7 years in case of undertaking which begin commercial production of mineral oil in NE Region w.e.f. 1.4.1998. In case of industrial undertaking located in